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FRIDAY.

WE are having pleasant winter weather now.— Sleighing is fair. The snow is not deep, but a little falls frequently. In the mildness and stillness of last night, it came down lightly and rested on every evergreen leaf, every bare twig and post and roof and chimney, clothing the world with its wonderful purity and beauty. The bending boughs of the hemlock and spruce and cedar, seem touched with a grace of which the artist of the winter alone knows the secret.

The machine-shop hands are rejoicing over a new machine they have just bought. It is called a Shaping Machine, and is similar in principle to the planing machine. It is designed for planing and shaping small work. Some of its operations can be made more thoroughly exact than those of the ordinary planing machine. Price \$350. It was bought of the Remington Co., at Illion, and was taken in part payment of a note we hold against them.

Mr. Leete came over yesterday to consult with the Community about the store enterprise. He seems to enter heartily into the project.

Mr. Brown, of Higginsville, continues very sick and it is doubtful whether he will recover. His disease has taken the form of consumption. Mr. Burt and Mr. Hinds have gone to see him to-day.

Splitting wood is a job which any one who has opportunity can busy himself about now. The wood which is being cut at Willow Place is sawed into suitable lengths for firewood before being drawn home.

Myron returned this morning from a trip to Albany and Troy, having sold over \$700 worth of Bags, \$300 of Silk, \$150 of Fruit, \$100 of Hats and \$100 of Collars and Neckties.

We had several visitors yesterday. Mr. William B. Powers, a friend of Mr. Horace Perry, called in company with his friend Dr. H. Spencer. They were from Cortland. Were very courteous and made many inquiries. Mr. Powers spoke highly of the Lunch-bags; said he saw them often on the cars, which he has opportunity to do as he is constantly traveling.—A Mr. Utley from Bennington, Vt., also called.

A committee of eight was appointed last evening to decide on a programme for the coming anniversary of the 20th. The committee consists of E. H. Hamilton, W. A. Hinds, O. L. Aiken, T. L. Pitt, H. C. Noyes, S. Van-Velzer, C. A. Macknet and Elizabeth Hutchins.

Lady Noyes celebrated her 86th birthday, yesterday, by a very pleasant party in the sitting room adjacent to

her room. L. A. T. and M. D. P. were her lieutenants in getting up the party. There were about a dozen guests. Mrs. N. seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion with much interest and vivacity, and opened the entertainment by what she termed the "kiss of charity," in which guests were to kiss each other all round without reference to sex. We hope she will live a thousand years and that every new birth day will find her happier and younger than the one before.

Mr. Herrick writes that a firm in New York gave him an order for fifty or a hundred deer-skins, and that if our prices and judgment of the quality of skins should suit them, their demand would be sufficient to keep a man busy buying all the time. We have no skins on hand at present, and do not see a way to profitably attend to the purchase of them except in connection with the business of buying furs.

One of our wits, whose puns, like those of Ben Holladay's mail-agent, are sometimes "fearfully and wonderfully made," hands us the following original specimens which were lately perpetrated at the chain-shop :

"Edwin, please take particular pains with those links and not *burn 'em*. I should be sorry to *see more* of them in that condition."

"One advantage they will have in starting the silk business at Willow Place is, that the machine-shop will be able to furnish all the *dies*."

A trap order was received from the Hudson's Bay Company for 45 doz. Beaver, 10 doz. Otter, 9 doz. Fox, and about 41 doz. Muskrat, 1 Bear, and a lot of springs, amounting in all to about \$1150 net. The traps are to be sent during the Spring to several destinations.